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Mrs. King Denies Time's Account Of Husband's Meeting With Hoover

ATLANTA, Aug. 10 (UPI) — Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. today denied a Time magazine article which said her late husband toned down criticism of the FBI only after J. Edgar Hoover confronted him with wiretappings that revealed alleged extra-marital activities.

"The conversations between my husband and Mr. Hoover, which he related to me, do not correspond at all to the Time magazine report," Mrs. King said.

"The love, concern and devotion which Martin expressed toward me and the children are our most precious and treasured memories.

"The all-embracing love which he symbolized for all people was experienced in a most profound way by his own family."

Time Magazine said that in a 1964 meeting some four years before Dr. King's assassination — Hoover told Dr. King of the wiretaps and "lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel prizewinner."

Hoover then reportedly asked Dr. King to tone down his criticism of the FBI, which Time said Dr. King did, resulting in Dr. King's popularity decline among many blacks.